

(1) Treasury securities purchased initially as book-entry securities that are your personal holdings, in sole owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration;

(2) Gifts of savings bonds that have not yet been delivered;

(3) Converted savings bonds that you have transferred from your conversion linked account.

(b) *Linked account.* A linked account is an account that is a separate account from your primary account, but that is connected to your primary account. You use your primary account as a portal to open and access the linked account. Linked accounts include the following:

(1) *Custom account.* A custom account is an account that is linked to your primary account. You use your primary account as the portal to open and access your custom account. You may informally designate a purpose for the custom account, for example, “vacation fund”, or “Johnny’s college fund”. However, the designation as to purpose has no legal effect; the registration of the securities held in the custom account determines ownership (Annual purchase limitations include securities held in custom accounts). You may use your custom account to buy, redeem and transfer securities that you own in sole owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner forms of registration. You may also buy and deliver gift savings bonds from your custom account.

(2) *Minor account.* A minor account is an account established by a custodian for a person who has not yet reached the age of 18 years. A minor account is linked to the custodian’s primary account. The minor is the owner of the securities, but the custodian controls the account on behalf of the minor. (See § 363.27 for more information about minor accounts.)

(3) *Conversion account* means a linked account in TreasuryDirect that contains only savings bonds that have been converted from definitive bonds to book-entry bonds.

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### § 363.11 Who is eligible to open a TreasuryDirect® account?

In order to open a TreasuryDirect account, you must:

(a) Have a valid social security number;

(b) Have a United States address of record;

(c) Have an account at a United States depository financial institution that will accept debits and credits using the Automated Clearing House method of payment;

(d) Be 18 years of age or over;

(e) Be legally competent; and

(f) Be an individual.

[67 FR 64286, Oct. 17, 2002. Redesignated at 70 FR 57433, Sept. 30, 2005]

### § 363.12 Who may purchase and hold book-entry securities in TreasuryDirect®?

(a) A TreasuryDirect account owner may purchase and hold securities through his or her account.

(b) We do not permit a legally incompetent person to open an account, purchase securities, or convert savings bonds once we have been provided with an order from a court with appropriate jurisdiction determining incompetence to perform such activities.

(c) We do not permit a legal representative, a legal guardian, or a voluntary representative to purchase securities on behalf of the estate of a decedent or an incompetent person.

(d) We may reject any application for the purchase of a security, in whole or in part. We may refuse to issue a security in any case or class of cases, if we deem the action to be in the public interest. Our decision in any such respect is final.

[70 FR 57433, Sept. 30, 2005]

### § 363.13 How can I open a TreasuryDirect® account?

You must establish a TreasuryDirect account online before you purchase a Treasury security to be held in your account. Instructions for online account establishment may be found at the official Public Debt website at <http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov>, or such other Internet address as Public Debt may from time to time announce by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

## § 363.14

When you have completed the application, you will create a password to access your account. We will verify your identity and send your account number to you by e-mail when your account application is approved. In addition to your password, we may require you to use any other form(s) of authentication that we consider necessary for the protection of your account.

[67 FR 64286, Oct. 17, 2002. Redesignated at 70 FR 57434, Sept. 30, 2005, as amended at 72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.14 How will you verify my identity?

We may use a verification service to verify your identity using information you provide about yourself on the online application. At our option, we may require offline verification.

[72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.15 What is the procedure for offline verification?

In the event we require offline verification, we will provide a printable verification form. Your signature on the form must be certified or guaranteed as provided at § 363.43, and the form must be mailed to us at the address provided in § 363.5.

[67 FR 64286, Oct. 17, 2002. Redesignated at 70 FR 57434, Sept. 30, 2005, as amended at 72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.16 How do I access my account?

You may access your account online using your account number, password, and any other form(s) of authentication that we may require.

[72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.17 Who is liable if someone else accesses my TreasuryDirect® account using my password?

You are solely responsible for the confidentiality and use of your account number, password, and any other form(s) of authentication we may require. We will treat any transactions conducted using your password as having been authorized by you. We are not liable for any loss, liability, cost, or expense that you may incur as a result of

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transactions made using your password.

[72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.18 Is Public Debt liable if the electronic transmission of my data is intercepted?

We are not liable for any interception of electronic data or communication.

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### § 363.19 What should I do if I become aware that my password or other form of authentication has become compromised?

If you become aware that your password has become compromised, that any other form of authentication has been compromised, lost, stolen, or misused, or that there have been any unauthorized transactions in your account, you may place a hold on your account so that it cannot be accessed by anyone, and you should notify us immediately by e-mail or telephone. Contact information is available on the TreasuryDirect Web site.

[72 FR 30978, June 5, 2007]

### § 363.20 What do I need to know about the forms of registration that are available for purchases of securities through my TreasuryDirect® account?

(a) *General principles.* (1) Registration must express the actual ownership of, and interest in, the security. Registration conclusively establishes ownership of a security.

(2) You must provide a last name and a first name for each individual included in the registration of the security.

(3) You must provide the valid taxpayer identification number for each person named in the registration of the security.

(b) *Forms of registration.* The forms of registration available for purchases of securities made through your TreasuryDirect account are single owner, owner with beneficiary, and primary owner with secondary owner, unless the forms of registration available for a security are specifically limited by the subpart governing that security.